



# **Sebastian United Methodist Church**

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

## ***Welcome to Worship***

**Welcome**

Pastor John Gill

**Opening Voluntary**

“Fugue in C Major BWV 846 “  
by J. S. Bach

Jeremy Messersmith

**\*Hymn of Presence # 196**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Kent and Kathy Casey

*We are prisoners of darkness.*

**Let your light shine in our lives.**

*We have become captives to the shadows.*

**Let your light shine in our lives.**

*Reveal yourself to us in unexpected ways.*

**Let your light shine in our lives.**

*Surprise us with your love.*

**Let your light shine in our lives.**

*Shake us from our complacency and slumber.*

**Let your light shine in our lives.**

*Come, O unexpected Jesus!*

*Shake the wisdom of the wise.*

*Pierce the night of death and darkness;*

*dawn as light on weary eyes.*

*Wake the world from heedless slumber—*

*come to us as God’s surprise!*

*As we light the first Advent candle this morning, we open ourselves to be filled with the light of Christ. We pray with hope that Christ’s light will transform us and wake us from our slumber.*

**Open our eyes so we may see your light, O Christ. Open our eyes so we may see where your light is leading us. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

## **“Long Expected Dawn”**

Choir

by Karen Marroli

When our hearts are troubled  
and in need of light,  
and the darkness deepens  
‘midst the thickening night,  
we await your coming  
as our souls press on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

O Light of Hope!  
Break forth!  
Appear and shatter all the darkness here!  
O let your advent herald  
clear an end to sorrow and to fear!

When our hearts are broken  
and in need of balm,  
you send your promise,  
your hope and calm.  
We await your presence  
as we travel on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

You come from heaven  
to make straight the way,  
birthing hope from sorrow,  
changing night to day.  
Lord, walk among us  
as we journey on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Mary Lou Rothfuss

## **Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 5:6-14

## **\*Hymn of Proclamation PP**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

GENEVAN 42

## **Scripture Reading**

Romans 13:11-12

## **Message**

“Putting on the Armor of Light”

Rev. John Gill

## **The Offering**

Presentation of God’s Tithe, our Offerings, and Prayer Requests  
*(place prayer request cards in the offering plate)*

## **\*Doxology # 95**

## **Prayers for the Community and Holy Communion**

## **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

# 618 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

PP “Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

PP “Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines”

JESUS LE CHRIST

All those desiring a closer relationship with God are welcome to receive Communion, regardless of church membership. Children may receive, at the discretion of their parents/guardian. We serve by “intinction”, which is the act of dipping the bread into the juice. A gluten-free station is available at the communion table

## **\*Hymn of Invitation # 585**

“This Little Light of Mine”

LIGHT OF MINE

**\* Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response # 204**

“Emmanuel”

MCGEE

**Closing Voluntary**

\*Congregation please stand if able

**Worship Participants**

Lead Pastor	Rev. John Gill	Ushers	Carolyn & Sam Roper
Music Minister	Megan Mash, MSM		Janice & Brad Marx
Liturgist	Mary Lou Rothfuss	Greeters	Judy & Ron Highhouse
Media Support	Alan Hulse	Acolytes	Natalie Byars
	Ed Johnson		Noah Rich Royall

**Welcome to Sebastian United Methodist Church**

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshipping with us. We are an open and welcoming fellowship.

It is our hope that you will come again and often.

***Join us for coffee and light refreshments after worship in the Fellowship Hall***

**Good News**

**Sebastian UMC is going “green”**

The Administrative Council by consensus has decided to start the process of going “green”.

The following is an excerpt from the *Social Principles: The Natural World*:

*"All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect."*

Starting small, SUMC will use “real” coffee cups, drinking cups and silverware when the present supply of disposable ones runs out. We will continue to use the small paper cups on water cooler because they are . recyclable (water only) and a small recycle container will be next to the water cooler for your convenience.



**United Methodist Women Christmas Luncheon**  
**Friday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.**  
C.J. Cannons Restaurant  
Contact Mary Schultz 772-664-6186  
For reservation and additional information

### Staff Christmas Bonus

It's time for our annual show our staff appreciation. If you would like to make a contribution toward staff bonuses, please place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it "staff bonuses." Place the envelope in the collection plate or bring it to the church office.. Our staff works hard all year. Let's show our appreciation!

Staff Parish Relations Committee



### Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Volunteer **bell ringers** are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help we give all year long. The **Salvation Army** relies on money raised in red kettles to serve more than 25 million people in need each year.

Become a Volunteer **Bell Ringer**

SUMC and RUMC are having a ring off on Thursday December 12 at Wal-Mart. Each church will ring at each door. Please see the sign up sheet to schedule your time to help ring the bells.

See Donna Osborne or John Gill

### Local Kids Christmas Gifts Mission Project

**Due Today**

The total number of children we need to help this Christmas is 15. if you can contribute in some way, please fill out pew envelope & drop this with your donation in the collection plate

Thank You

Donna Osborne, Missions Chair

1) I will make a monetary donation & will place it in an envelope marked Christmas for Local Kids by 12/1/19; in the amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMC Annual Christmas Party Sunday  
December 15**

**“Songs of The Season”  
Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 15, 4pm**

Featuring SUMC Ensembles  
Adult Choir  
Joyful Ringers  
Handbell Choir  
Brass Ensemble  
Flute Choir

Free Will Offering for  
Ecumenical Food Pantry

Bring a friend, sing along  
and listen to Christmas favorites

**The festivities continue with the  
Christmas Potato Bar Supper  
After the Concert In the Fellowship Hall**



**Upcoming Events – November & December**

- December 6, 5:30 p.m. Light Up Night Community Event in the Fellowship Hall
- December 15, 4 p.m. Christmas Concert followed by the Christmas Potato Bar in the Fellowship Hall
- December 22, 10 am Worship, Christmas Cantata
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services
  - 4:00 p.m. with Communion & Music
  - 7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight service with Communion, Music & Candle Lighting
- December 25 Merry Christmas Office Closed

**University of Life  
Sunday Education  
11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.**

Adult Study-Large Class Room

Children's Study- Children's Class Room

LOL Youth—3:00 p.m. Sunday in the LOL room on the north side of the education wing  
Ages 6 grade +

**First Baptist Church in Vero Beach** is presenting Handel's Messiah on Saturday December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

## Non- Communion Sundays

Every non-“Communion Sunday,” communion will be offered for all those wishing to receive. Elements for Holy Communion will be on the altar, and the pastor will include a prayer of consecration as a part of the prayer time near the end of the service. Then, immediately following the conclusion of the service, you may move forward to the altar, and the liturgist or a Lay Servant will be happy to serve you communion. (Gluten free bread)

## Christmas Day Dinner

### Marsh Landing

4:30 p.m.

**Last year members and friends of Sebastian United Methodist Church met for dinner at Marsh Landing. Continuing this festive gathering, the Christmas Day Dinner Group will meet at Marsh Landing and have dinner together.**

**If you would like to attend please call**

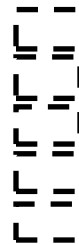
**Lisa Davis 317-850-4966**



## Light Up Night Dec. 6, 2019

Thank you for your great response  
This is what we still need for Light Up Night

- 6 Cookie bakers (4 to 5 Dozen)
- 1 set up person at 4 pm
- 1 Server 1st shift 5:30—6:30 p.m.
- 4 Servers 2nd shift 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 4 clean up people, clean up starts at 7 p.m.



If you can help please indicate which area you can help with (more than one ok)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You, Donna Osborne



**Today's Ministry Focus:**  
Florida United Methodist Children's Home  
Gifts Cards for Christmas Presents

As Christmas comes closer, we are excited to share with you how you can bring Christmas cheer to the children of our Florida United Methodist Children's Home. During this season of gift-giving and generosity, we ask that you consider purchasing gift cards to be distributed across the Florida United Methodist Children's Home Ministry. The children will not just receive gift cards on Christmas morning but, because house-parents and therapists know our children well, they will go shopping for gifts using these cards. Gifts will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning, along with a few gift cards that will allow the youth to do personal shopping.

The goal is to give each child \$150 in gifts and gift cards. If churches provide more cards than are needed for Christmas, the extra cards will allow them to purchase needed items throughout the year.

**Gift Card Suggestions:** Gift cards should be in increments of \$5 to \$50 from major chain stores and restaurants. Especially useful and flexible are following cards: Walmart, Kohl's, Famous Footwear, and Gamestop. During Christmas break, house-parents like to treat the children by going out to eat. Suggested gift cards are: Golden Corral, Papa Johns, Chick-Fil-A, McDonalds and Darden restaurants.

**Deadline for cards: Thursday, December 5.**

Purchase gift card(s) and be sure to mark the amount loaded on the card. Drop them in the collection plate on Sunday or bring them to the church office by December 5.



Florida United Methodist Children's Home





## A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Worship 10:AM

### Poinsettias

**Deadline for poinsettia orders is Dec. 1, 2019 (TODAY)**

Please Print:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### POINSETTIA

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline, December 1, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

### And/Or

#### MISSIONARY SUPPORT GIFT Deadline December 15

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Gifts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline, December 8, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory

Fill out and put in collection plate with gift amount.

Pew envelopes are available for your convenience. .

## **Remember Them In Prayer**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**Ephesians 6:18**

### **Sunday Worship Prayer Requests (three weeks)**

Floyd Standley, Cathy herring, Don, Lynn Bergman, Betty Stull, Diann Flanigan, Chris Judah, Pat Arnold, Dena Vasquez, Hope Menncucei, Sean & Tina Cousins

### **Ongoing Prayers**

Jane Hino, George Schultz, Mary Lou Rothfuss, Al & Jon Ray Conniff, Vic Grabis, Sheri Peterson, Alan Shepper, Ray Royall, Betty Stull, Eugene Whitmore, Jeanette Schumacher, Jacque Crick, Mary Jo Barton, Jim Gallagher, Debi Rodriguez, Lloyd Thomas, Sean Cousins, Pauline Adams, William Hutterman, Harold Banta

### **Pray for the Homebound and those is Assisted Living**

Minnie Hungerford, Nellie Brookens, June Crain, Janice & Ed Ertel, Doris McNutt, Carmen Wilson

### **Pray for Our Men and Women In the Military**

Amn. Justin Tuck, (USN), Major Eric Killoran (Army), Lt. Jeremy Venske (USN), MSgt. David Schumacher (USAF), SPC Nicholas Davis (Army), Pvt Thomas Ferraro (Army)

*(Please call the office to update.)*



## **Altar Flowers**

Fresh flowers placed on our altar on Sunday beautify the sacred spaces of our church to honor God and are a gift to those who attend our services. Afterward, arrangements can be picked up after worship or can be donated to be given to members & friends who are hospitalized. The altar flowers can be dedicated to commemorate a special event, such as birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one for a donation of \$30.00. The altar flower sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your dedication to the church and your church family. Flowers by Amazing Creations.

## Opportunities This Week

12/1 Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. U of L Sunday classes 1:00 p.m. Brass Rehearsal (S) 3:00 p.m. LOL Youth (YR)
12/2 Monday	Bible Study & Small Groups check with your facilitator 7:00 p.m. SPRC (CO)
12/3 Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Aphasia Group (FH) 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (LCR) 12:00 p.m. Rug Hookers (FH) 12:00 p.m. Men's Out to Lunch Bunch, Roadside Restaurant 1:00 p.m. Computer (CO) help with cell phones, computers, etc. 6:30 p.m. AA Closed Session (FH) 7:00 pm Flute 7:30 p.m. Alanon (LCR)
12/4 Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 3:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers (S) 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies (CCR) 7:00 p.m. Handbell (S)
12/5 Thursday	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S) 7:30 p.m. Alanon
12/6 Friday	11:30 a.m. UMW Christmas Luncheon, CJ Cannon's Vero Beach 5:30 p.m. Light Up Night
12/7 Saturday	6:30 p.m. Sebastian Christmas Parade (starts at Main St, goes toward the park along the river)
12/8 Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship, 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH) 11:30 a.m. U of L Sunday classes Adult and Children (LCR & CCR) 1:00 p.m. Brass Rehearsal (S) 3:00 p.m. LOL Youth (YR)

CO—Church Office FH—Fellowship Hall SG—Small Group Room

LCR—Large Class Room S—Sanctuary CCR—Children's Class Room—YR LOL Youth Room—

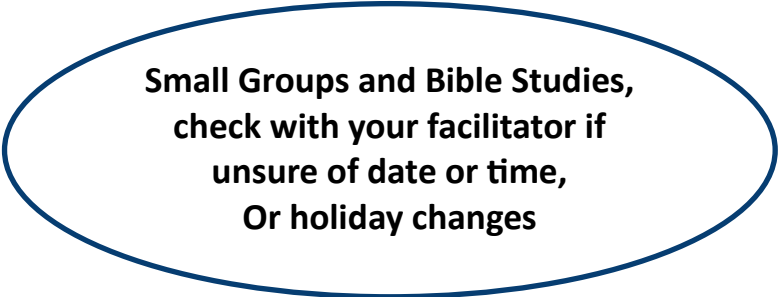
Fellowship Hall is east of the Sanctuary at the end of the education wing  
Classrooms are located on the north and south sides of the education wing

***Attendance***  
***Last Sunday***  
***133***

**Monday—** Bible Study 10 am “Bad Girls of the Bible” SGR  
Small Group 10 am LCR

**Pastor's Bible Study** Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. in the large classroom & 6:30 p.m. in church office

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study** 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



**Small Groups and Bible Studies,  
check with your facilitator if  
unsure of date or time,  
Or holiday changes**

**Rev. John Gill**  
**Pastor's Cell (321) 794-0010**

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**Church Office**  
1029 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958  
**Office:** (772) 589-5230

**Thrift Store: (772) 388-0405**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday

**Free Port Pillows**

Give to anyone with an infusaport to strap to their car seatbelt for comfort.  
*Available In the Church Office*

**Made and donated by: The GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club**